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In re application of

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For: **DEPOSITION OF CARBON- AND
TRANSITION METAL-CONTAINING
THIN FILMS**

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Applicant responds as follows to the December 2, 2004 Office action requiring restriction.

Claims 1-73 are in the application, of which claims 1, 66, 69, and 70 are in independent form. Claims 1-73 stand subject to restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121. The examiner identified four groups of claims as being directed to the following patentably distinct inventions:

Invention I: Claims 1-63 and 70-73;

Invention II: Claims 64-65;

Invention III: Claims 66-68; and

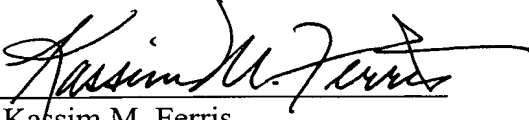
Invention IV: Claim 69.

Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute the subject matter of Invention I (claims 1-63 and 70-73), without traverse, and withdraws claims 64-69 from consideration at this time.

This response is being submitted within one month of the Office action and no fees should be required. However, if fees are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees, or credit overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-4455.

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